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SUBJECT: GEN. ORLY BRIEFS KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY  
COMMITTEE ON OCCUPIED AREAS

1. GEN. AVRAHAM ORLY, COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES, BRIEFED THE KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY  
COMMITTEE MAY 31 ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORIES.

2. TERRORISM: ORLY STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A DRASTIC DROP IN  
TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE AREA IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. THE DECLINE  
IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE RURAL AREAS, WAS PARTLY  
ATTRIBUTED TO ECONOMIC PROGRESS. IN HIS OPINION, ARABS WERE NOT  
INCLINED TO ENDANGER THEIR PROSPERITY BY TERRORISM. HE STATED THAT  
TERRORIST ACTIONS ORGANIZED FROM INSIDE THE AREAS HAD BEEN EVEN FEWER  
IN NUMBER THE PAST TWO YEARS THAN THE ASSAULTS ORGANIZED FROM BEYOND  
THE BORDERS. ORLY REPORTED THAT BUSINESS STRIKES WERE ALMOST  
UNHEARD OF AND SHOP KEEPERS HAD EVEN DRIVEN DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS  
AWAY FROM THEIR STORES RATHER THAN HAVE THEIR COMMERCE AFFECTED.

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THE SECURITY FORCES, FOR THEIR PART, NOW HANDLE DEMONSTRATIONS  
MORE PROFESSIONALLY. NO ARAB RIOTERS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN CLASHES  
WITH THE IDF FOR TWO YEARS. ORLY STATED THAT HIS EMPHASIS IS ON  
PREVENTION. THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES TRY TO KEEP THEIR FINGERS  
ON THE PULSE OF THE ARAB POPULATION. WHEN STUDENTS ARE ARRESTED  
FOR RIOTING, PARENTS ARE GIVEN SUCH STIFF FINES THAT THEY CURB  
THEIR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. ORLY NOTED THAT FINES OF

IL 5,00 AND 10,000 INEVITABLY HAVE AN EFFECT.

3. RELATIONS WITH MAYORS: ORLY SAID WEST BANK MAYORS ARE RUNNING THEIR TOWNS EFFICIENTLY AND COOPERATING WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT IS IN THEIR RESIDENTS' INTERESTS, EVEN WHILE THEY SYMPATHIZED WITH THE PLO.

4. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: ORLY CRITICIZED THE WHO REPRESENTATIVES WHO TOURED THE OCCUPIED AREAS RECENTLY. HE CLAIMED THAT THEY TOLD ISRAELI OFFICIALS THEY WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED, BUT THEN ISSUED A NEGATIVE REPORT AFTER THEY RETURNED ABROAD. HE SUGGESTED ISRAEL INVITE INDEPENDENT HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS TO TOUR THE AREAS AND GIVE AN UNBIASED OPINION. HE NOTED THAT PLO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REPORTED FAVORABLY ON THE SITUATION IN THE AREAS

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COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS WAS ALSO SATISFACTORY, AND ALLEGATIONS ABROAD THAT ARAB DETAINEES WERE BEING TORTURED HAVE SUBSIDED.

5. WEST BANK LANDS: ORLY NOTED THAT 60PCT OF THE LAND IN THE WEST BANK WAS NOT PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE LAND REGISTRY OFFICES. ALTHOUGH OWNERS WERE GENERALLY KNOWN AND PAID TAXES AS USUAL, THEY HOLD NO TITLE DEEDS.

6. SETTLEMENTS: ACCORDING TO ORLY, THE SETTLERS AT SHILO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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39 DUNAMS OF GOVERNMENT LAND. THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS NOT GIVEN THEM ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT. OTHERWISE, ORLY STATED, HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE SETTLEMENTS ISSUE IN ANY WAY AND SUGGESTED THE MK'S DIRECT THEIR QUESTIONS TO THE DEFENSE MINISTER.

7. SELF-RULE: IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE WEST BANKERS' REACTION TO THE SELF-RULE PROGRAM, ORLY SAID THEY MIGHT PUT UP WITH AUTONOMY FOR A LIMITED PERIOD, BUT THE LONG-TERM WISH WAS TO EXPRESS SOME INDEPENDENT ARAB NATIONALIST IDENTITY. HE BELIEVED THEY WOULD ALWAYS PROTEST AGAINST ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON PRINCIPLE. HE THOUGHT THE WEST BANKERS WOULD ACCEPT SOME FORM OF COOPERATION WITH JORDAN IN THE FUTURE AND MIGHT WANT SOME TIES WITH ISRAEL, TOO. HE FELT THE WEST BANKERS DID NOT WANT THE IDF TO HAVE A ROLE IN INTERNAL SECURITY; BUT HE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT PUT UP WITH AN IDF PRESENCE.  
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